







**News      from Rep. Stephanie Herseth**

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**HERSETH            RESPONDS TO USDA FARM BILL PROPOSALS**



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Herseth, who serves on the House Agriculture Committee, said, “I am pleased that

Herseth added, “However, while the Secretary has indicated he is seeking a contin

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The USDA Web site                      outlines the following proposals, with funding indicated over a

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Increase conservation

funding by \$7.8 billion, simplify and consolidate conse

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Provide \$1.6 billion in new funding for renewable energy research, developm

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Provide \$250 million to increase direct payments for beginning farmers and



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Simplify and consolidate rural development programs while providing \$1.6 b

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Dedicate nearly \$400 million to trade efforts to expand exports, fight trade ba

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Simplify, modernize, and rename the Food Stamp Program to improve access

Target nearly

\$5 billion in funding to support specialty crop producers by inc

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